



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(211.001-D3-US)

In re Application of: FAZAN ET AL.) Group Art Unit: 2814
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Serial No: 10/724,648) Examiner: LOUIE, WAI SING
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Filing Date: DECEMBER 1, 2003)
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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicants note the Examiner's reasons for allowance. No inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants believe that the Examiner's reasons for allowance are the only reasons the claims are patentable. Indeed, the Examiner's statement appears to focus on one or more independent claims and no mention is made with respect to other independent claims as well as the dependent claims, which include other and/or additional inventive and patentable aspects. Thus, Applicants interpret the Examiner's statement to be in no way exhaustive -- whether relative to the independent claims or the dependent claims.

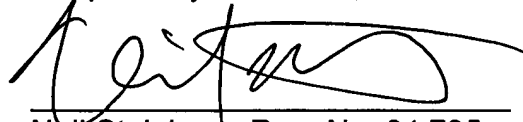
Except to the extent the Examiner's comments have identified certain significant shortcomings of Hu et al. (U.S. Patent 5,448,513) and Kanamori (U.S. Patent

6,151,254) relative to the claimed inventions, no inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants agree with the Examiner's characterization(s) of Hu et al. and Kanamori. Moreover, no inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicants believe that such shortcomings are the only shortcomings of Hu et al. and Kanamori that are pertinent to the claimed inventions. Applicants, however, do agree with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that neither Hu et al. nor Kanamori, alone or in combination with any of the art of record, teach or suggest the claimed inventions.

Finally, although Applicants agree with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the inventions, as claimed herein, are patentable over the prior art, as described in the above-referenced application, there are many inventions described and illustrated therein. Indeed, other inventions described and illustrated in the application may or may not include one, some or all of the features set forth in the Examiner's statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Steinberg', written over a horizontal line.

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